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***Notice of Non-responsive Amendment***

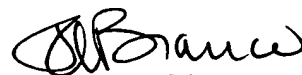
The reply filed on 8/7/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant submitted a response to a Species Election that was mailed on 7/5/06. Applicant's election was to "**elect species A, corresponding to claims 1-10, 20-24.**" However, the application as originally filed has only claims 1-15 pending and no preliminary amendments directed to the claims is of record. Further, the Species Requirement mailed 7/5/06 set forth the following species: **Species A: Claims 1-12** and **Species B: Claims 13-15**. As a result, the election is not proper and a proper election is required in response to this paper.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

***Conclusion***

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